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The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge applicants' claim for priority under 35 USC 119 and receipt of the certified copies of the priority documents.

The Examiner is also respectfully requested to return copies of the Form PTO/SB/08A filed on March 1, 2004 and the Forms PTO/SB/08A and PTO/SB/08B mailed on July 26, 2004, and to indicate thereon that the cited publications were considered and made of record.

Minor editorial revisions were made to claims 1, 7, 9 and 17.

Restriction was required under 35 USC 121 as follows:

Group I - Claims 1-15 and 17-20, drawn to an induction harden steel rolling element and its method of making; or

Group II - Claims 16, 21 and 22 [sic], drawn to a carburized or carbonitrided rolling element and its method of making.

It is respectfully submitted that claim 22, which depends on claim 17, should have been included in Group I.

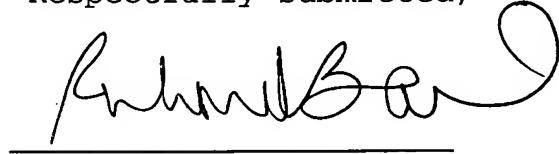
Applicants elect Group I (claims 1 to 15, 17 to 20 and 22).

An INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT is being filed concurrently herewith.

If the Examiner has any comments, questions, objections or recommendations, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below for prompt action.

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